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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: RABIN VISIT TO U.S.

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1. REPORTING AND COMMENTARY ON AFRO-ASIAN SUMMIT DOMINATED  
ALGERIAN MEDIA DURING PERIOD OF RABIN'S VISIT TO U.S. SINGLE  
EVENT OF THIS VISIT TO RECEIVE WIDE -- AND UNFAVORABLE --  
COVERAGE WAS PRESIDENT CARTER'S NEWS CONFERENCE, WHICH  
GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALGIERS ARABIC DAILY "ASH-SHA'B" HEADLINED  
"CARTER CONFIRMS HIS SUPPORT FOR ZIONIST OCCUPATION."

2. COMMENTING ON NEWS CONFERENCE IN FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL  
ENTITLED "AN EXPECTED SUPPORT", LEADING GOVERNMENT-OWNED  
ALGIERS FRENCH DAILY "EL-MOUDJAHID" WROTE MARCH 10: :RABIN  
TEAM HAS PLENT OF ELBOW ROOM. AMERICANS HAVE GIVEN IT  
BACKING BY PROMISING IT RIGHT OF VETO OVER ANY ENLARGEMENT  
OF GENEVA CONFERENCE AND COMMITTING THEMSELVES NOT TO  
NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH PLO OR TO RECOGNIZE IT UNTIL IT  
RECOGNIZES ISRAEL AS WELL AS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS  
242 AND 338. IT HAS TODAY BECOME TRUISM TO SAY THAT TEL  
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AVIV AND WASHINGTON ARE UNITED FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE.  
BEISDES, NEW CHIEF OF WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT HIDE HIS PRO-  
ZIONIST TENDENCIES. HAS HE NOT RECENTLY GIVEN PROOF OF  
HIS GOOD WILL BY PROPOSING SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN U.S.  
AID TO ISRAEL FOR FY-78?"

3. COMMENTING ON SAME SUBJECT UNDER HEADLINE "MR. CARTER:

FIRST FAUX PAS", FLN WEEKLY FRENCH ORGAN "REVOLUTION AFRICAINE" WROTE IN MARCH 9-15 ISSUE: "IN RECEIVING MR. RABIN AT WHITE HOUSE, PRESIDENT CARTER UTTERED 'LITTLE PHRASE' THAT COULD WEIGH HEAVILY ON EVOLUTION OF PREPARATIONS FOR PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IN MIDEAST. MR. CARTER AFFIRMED TO HIS GUEST, WHO DOUBTLESSLY WAS NOT ASKING AS MUCH, THAT ISRAEL NEEDS 'DEFENSIBLE BORDERS'.... IN AGAIN PUTTING FORTH EXTREMIST FORMULAS, MR. CARTER IS TAKING ON RISK OF PROBABLE ESCALATION OF ZIONIST EXTRAVAGANCES.... INDEED, HIS LITTLE PHRASE GIVEN TEL AVIV PRETEXT FOR REFUSING TO RETURN ARAB LANDS IT MAY JUDGE INDISPENSIBLE TO ITS DEFENSE. IT IS NOT YET KNOWN WHETHER THIS IS NEW OFFICIAL POLICY OF WHITE HOUSE ... OR WHETHER MR. CARTER WANTED SIMPLY TO MARK HIS FIRST MEETING WITH LEADER FROM TEL AVIV BY GRANT OF ARAB LANDS THAT HE KNOWS CANNOT BE MADE. IN ANY CASE, ARAB LEADERS ... MUST DEMAND EXPLANATION."

4. IN MORE GENERAL AND BITTER COMMENTARY, GOVERNMENT-OWNED CONSTANTINE ARABIC DAILY "AN-NASR" WROTE MARCH 12: "ZIONIST-AMERICAN DIVORCE IS VERY UNLIKELY TO OCCUR. RABIN'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON CONFIRMS DEGREE TO WHICH TWO ADMINISTRATIONS ARE ATTACHED TO EACH OTHER AND EXTENT TO WHICH THEY ARE ALLIED AGAINST ANYTHING THAT COULD TEAR UP MAP OF ZIONIST EXPANSION AT EXPENSE OF LANDS OF OTHERS.... RABIN WILL NOT RETURN EMPTY-HANDED FROM WHITE HOUSE, FOR HE WILL GET NEW AMERICAN GUARANTEES ACCOMPANIED BY TOTAL SUPPORT FOR DESTRUCTION OF PEACE EFFORTS MADE UP TO NOW.... IN SHORT, AMERICA IS AMERICA WHETHER CARTER, FORD, NIXON, OR ANY OTHER PAST OR FUTURE PRESIDENT GOVERNS....  
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IT REMAINS PRINCIPAL DEFENDER OF ZIONISM, RACISM, AND FASCISM. AMERICA WILL NEVER BE FRIEND OF ARABS."LYNE

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